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SUBJECT: UNRWA ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING IN AMMAN

REF: AMMAN 4493

1. ALL ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERS IN AMMAN RECEIVED 31 AUG LETTER ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR FROM HERIBERT POLLETIN, SECRETARY OF ADVISORY COMMISSION (C/O UNRWA TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS IN AMMAN), WHICH SAID THAT QUOTE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMISSION, THE AMBASSADOR OF LEBANON TO THE HASHEMIT KINGDOM OF JORDAN, IT IS POSPOSED THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD MEET ON THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 1976 AT 0900 HOURS IN AMMAN UNQUOTE. LETTER ASKED COMMISSION MEMBERS TO NOTIFY SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF COMPOSITION OF THEIR DELEGATIONS TO MEETING. PROPOSED AGENDA IS ADOPTION OF SUMMARY RECORDS OF MEETING OF 4 SEPTEMBER 1975 (WHICH HEARD COMMISSIONER-GENERAL'S ANNUAL REPORT AND APPROVED IT), CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSIONER-GENERAL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 1975-76, AND OTHER BUSINESS.

2. OTHER ADCOM MEMBER'S LOCAL EMBASSIES WHO
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WE HAVE CONSULTED SO FAR (U.K., FRENCH, TURKISH) HAVE,

LIKE US, INFORMED HOME GOVERNMENTS OF FORTHCOMING MEETING AND REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS, INCLUDING RANK OF THOSE TO ATTEND A SEPTEMBER MEETING.

3. FOLLOWING IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL AND BUDGET REPORTS WHICH EMBASSY POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT 30 AUGUST (REFTEL) AND WHICH MIGHT BE USEFUL IN HELPING DEPARTMENT FRAME INSTRUCTIONS FOR 9 SEPTEMBER ADCOM MEETING.

(A) REVISED 1976 BUDGET ESTIMATES SHOW INCOME OF DOLLARS 98,193,000 AND EXPENDITURES OF DOLLARS 127,684,000 (INCREASE OVER 1975 OF DOLLARS 10.4 MILLION IN RECURREMTN AND DOLLARS 5.5 MILLION IN NON-RECURRENT COSTS). THIS IS DOLLARS 12 MILLION NET REDUCTION FROM ORIGINAL ESTIMATES, LARGELY BECAUSE OF DECREASE IN BASIC COMMODITY PRICES AND INCREASES IN VALUE OF DOLLAR. NONETHELESS, REPORT POINTS OUT THAT QUOTE IF INCOME REMAINS AT A LEVEL OF DOLLARS 15.4 MILLION BELOW 1975, THE RESULTING DEFICIT OF ABOUT DOLLARS 29.5 MILLION WILL BE OF SUCH MAGNITUDE AS TO LEAVE THE AGENCY WITH SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS MORE IN LIABILITIES THAN IN ASSETS AND THE AGENCY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS TO THE END OF 1976. AT THE TIME OF PREPARATION OF THE PRESENT PAPER, IT IS UNCERTAIN WHAT THE OUTCOME WILL BE. UNQUOTE.

(B) 1977 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES IS DOLLARS 139,733,000--INCREASE OF DOLLARS 12 MILLION OVER 1976, MOSTLY BECAUSE OF INFLATION, NORMAL PROGRAM INCREASES (E.G., 12,400 MORE STUDENTS), AND ANNUAL SALARY RAISES. RECURRENT COSTS ESTIMATED AT DOLLARS 131,917,000 AND NON-RECURRENT AT DOLLARS 7,816,000 (DOLLARS 3,500,000 TO COVER COSTS OF HEADQUARTERS RELOCATION).

(C) DISCUSSION OF 1977 EXPENDITURES ITEM BY ITEM SHOWS, AS WAS GENERALLY THE CASE IN 1976, LARGE PART OF INCREASES ATTRIBUTED TO ANNUAL SALARY INCREASES, AND COST-OF-LIVING SALARY INCREASE FOR UNRWA'S STAFF WHOSE LOCAL EMPLOYEES NUMBER ABOUT 16,000. INITIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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EXAMINATION OF FIGURES INDICATE LATTER ITEM COMES TO DOLLARS 8,332,000 OF DOLLARS 11.4 MILLION ATTRIBUTED TO INFLATION UNDER RECURRENT COSTS.

4. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ON REPLY TO UNRWA SECRETARY'S LETTER MENTIONED IN PARA 1. GIVEN FACT THAT TURKISH EMBASSY RECOMMENDING THAT IT BE REPRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR, OR, IN HIS ABSENCE BY CHARGE AND THAT LEBANESE AMBASSADOR AS CHAIRMAN

WILL PROBABLY ALSO BE PRESENT, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT U.S.
REPRESENTATION COMPRISE CHARGE SUDDARTH AND FIRST SECRETARY
HOWARD WALKER. IN VIEW FACT THAT THIS IS FIRST ADCOM MEETING
IN AMMAN AND IN RECOGNITION POSITION OF USG AS PRIMARY
FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTOR TO UNRWA, WE WISH TO SHOW AT LEAST
FULL USG LOCAL REPRESENTATION AT ADCOM MEETING.
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